		23. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of claim 5.		
		24. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	im 6.	
		25. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	im 7.	
		26. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	im 8.	
		27. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	im 9.	
		28. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	im 10.	
		29. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	m 11.	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
		30. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	im 12.	
		31. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of claim 13.		
		32. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of claim 14.		
		33. (new)	A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the
	method of clai	m 15.	

34. (new)

A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the

method of claim 16.

35. (new)

A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the

method of claim 17.

36. (new)

A suspended microstructure with a sloped support produced by the

method of claim 18.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to add new claims 20-36. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

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